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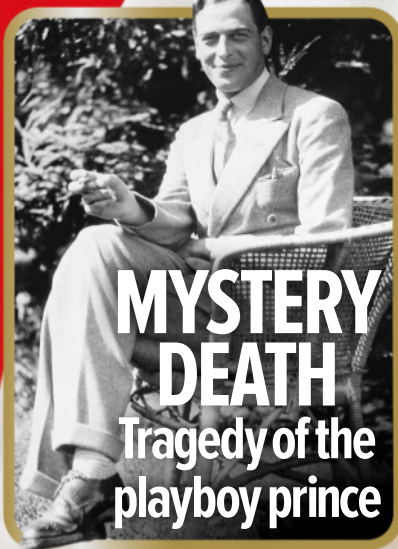


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# THIS MONTH WITH THE ROYALS

What a time it has been for  
King Charles and co!





## KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

It was an amazing weekend of coronation celebrations. From the pomp and tradition of the Westminster Abbey ceremony to the joyful Buckingham Palace appearances and spectacular Windsor Castle concert, the events spread some much-needed cheer throughout the land.

We loved the official portraits that were released by the Palace a few days later, especially this group one that showed today's band of working royals. Surrounding the King and Queen, from left, are Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent, Birgitta, Duchess of Gloucester, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, Anne, Princess Royal, William, Prince of

Wales, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy and Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh.

We couldn't help but compare it to the black-and-white photograph from 1953 (inset) released for the coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II. Then the official line-up was a lot larger – possibly a reflection of the

current King's intention to slim down the Royal Family. You can see a smiling young Queen with Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen's sister Princess Margaret and the Queen Mum.

And just look at Prince Charles, four, and his little sister Anne, two, stealing the show – just as Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis did this year, 70 years on.

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## TEA AND CAKES IN THE GARDEN

With summer just around the corner, the King and Queen held the first garden parties of their reign at Buckingham Palace in London.

The Royal Family's annual summer parties date back to Queen Victoria, and the late Queen held many such events during her 70-year-reign. Now Charles and Camilla are continuing the tradition – with a little help from the family.

A few days after the coronation, the Prince and Princess of Wales hosted

guests on behalf of the King. Anne, the Princess Royal and Edward and Sophie, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, were also on hand to say thank you to the 8,000 people who had been invited in recognition of their public service and charity or community work.

King Charles and Queen Camilla had held the first of the parties a week earlier, when Lionel Richie, who performed at the Coronation Concert, was among the guests. The final party of the year will be held in July at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.



The King chats to Lionel Richie and his girlfriend Lisa Parigi







The Prince and Princess of Wales hosted at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the King



William meets just some of the 8,000 guests



### WHAT TO WEAR?

Catherine, the Princess of Wales looked stunning in a cornflower blue dress with sheer sleeves and a matching hat, and William looked dapper in top hat and tails. He also carried an umbrella – just in case.

The Palace would have advised guests about the dress code for the day. 'For a Garden Party, gentlemen wear morning dress or lounge suits, while women wear day dress, usually with hats or fascinators. National dress and uniform are also often worn,' is the advice.

On the day of the garden party, the Palace gates open from 3pm and the event begins with the National Anthem, played by a military band. Guests are greeted by members of the Royal Family who circulate through 'lanes' before gathering at the royal tea tent for refreshments. We'll raise a cup and saucer to that!





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The late Duke of Edinburgh loved carriage driving

## THE DUKE WOULD BE SO PROUD

Carriage driving was the sport they bonded over, and this month Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor was in the driving seat conjuring up memories of her late grandfather Philip.

Lady Louise, 19, swapped the finery of the coronation for riding gear to take part in the annual Royal Windsor Horse

Show. For her first team event, she wore a carriage driving brooch, which is believed to have been a gift from her late grandad and one that she wore to his funeral.

It's known granddaughter and grandad shared a love of the sport and that Louise inherited Philip's carriage, making her debut at the age of 17. The Prince famously took up the pastime at the age of 50 after he retired from polo, calling it a 'geriatric hobby'.

Also at the four-day event were Louise's parents, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. Her mum Sophie was spotted using stepping stones to cross a stream in order to get a better view.

This year's horse show was the first to take place since the death of the Queen in September. The equestrian event was a great favourite of Her Majesty and Prince Philip, and has been held annually on the estate since 1943.





Lady Louise in the driving seat at the Royal Windsor Horse Show



Looking smart and in control

The Duchess of Edinburgh was also at the event



Taking part in the Coaching Marathon





His duty done, King Charles III leaves the Palace balcony to Prince George

# So what now for King Charles?

The coronation was the last major royal event for possibly 20 years or more, so we asked sovereign experts what we can expect during this period of relative calm

**A**fter the spectacular coronation weekend, King Charles III will soon face a poignant date – 8 September – the first anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's death, which will also mark his first year serving as monarch. We can only hope the King has inherited his parents and grandmother's longevity genes, and if so, this probably means we'll see no big royal occasions for a couple of decades.

As King Charles celebrates his 75th birthday this November (Queen Camilla

turned 76 in July 2022), the busy couple deserve to put their feet up. After Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's wedding back in 2018, their subsequent stepping back from royal duties, Prince Andrew's exile, the Platinum Jubilee and the Queen's death, it's been a roller-coaster ride of royal news and events, both happy, sad and scandalous.

And therein lies one of the Royal Family's big dilemmas. As royal commentator, Gordon Rayner writes in *The Telegraph*, 'In the past, the monarchy

has been able to rely on births, marriages, jubilees and coronations to top up their popularity every decade or so, but we are now entering potentially the longest period in our history without any of them.'

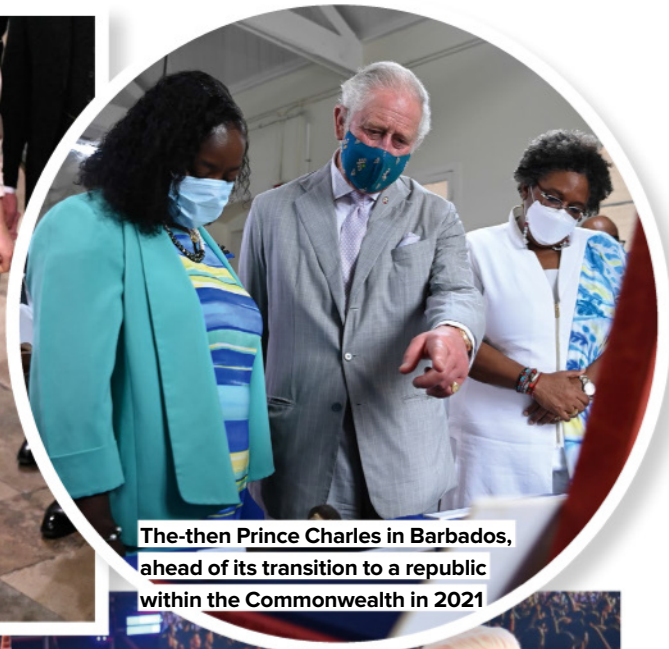
## Popular start

From the moment he became King, Charles has not had one misstep. He spoke with eloquence less than 24 hours after his beloved mother passed away. And, no matter how packed his diary, the King has made time for meeting people





**Prince Harry made a brief appearance at the coronation, without the Duchess of Sussex**



**The then Prince Charles in Barbados, ahead of its transition to a republic within the Commonwealth in 2021**

on his many impromptu walkabouts. His state visit to Germany in March was a success, with the reaction from Germans overwhelming in their support for him.

‘He has a pivotal role to play on the international stage,’ royal biographer Robert Hardman tells *Woman’s Weekly*. ‘I was with Charles and Camilla in Germany. The reaction to them was fascinating. There’s an aura around him, now he is King. Also, there are not many world leaders who can address the Bundestag in German.’ The author of *Queen of Our Times: The Life of Elizabeth II* points out that King Charles has been around longer than most politicians have been alive. ‘He has accumulated a lot of wisdom on world affairs and diplomacy,’ says Robert.

Charles’ kingship style is accessibility, transparency, integrity and his life-long commitment to public service. Underlining this belief was the new addition to Westminster Abbey’s coronation ceremony – a brief exchange between Charles and 14-year-old choirboy Samuel Strachan: ‘Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings.’ Charles replied, ‘In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.’

## Challenges ahead

Charles has inherited a series of challenges that royal experts agree he must address in order to pass on a stable monarchy to Prince William. From the growing rise of Republican sentiment to addressing historical ties to the slave trade and the effects of colonialism, to the ongoing problems of family dramas.



**The King and Queen during their state visit to Germany earlier this year**

‘It’s been a difficult first year as he’s had so many fires to fight,’ says CTV royal commentator, Afua Hagan. ‘Harry and Meghan, Prince Andrew, the rise of Republican feeling. That movement has always been a fringe element, but now more and more people are asking why we need a monarchy. Is it beneficial to the country and the realms? Both Jamaica and Belize are looking to decouple from the Crown and become republics, following the same course as Barbados.’ That island became a republic within the Commonwealth in November 2021, with a ceremony attended by the then Prince Charles.

According to reports, the King, who is head of 15 realms, is relatively sanguine

about this process across the Commonwealth of 54 nations. However, there are strong indications that William and Catherine, Princess of Wales, plus the children, will take a trip to Australia and New Zealand in 2024 in an attempt to stifle anti-royalist stirrings.

Charles is also supporting an investigation by Manchester University and the charity Historic Royal Palaces into the monarchy’s links to slavery. ‘He needs to be the first monarch to really drill down on the role of the Royal Family, when it comes to slavery,’ says Afua, ‘and the effects that that has had on people who are descendants of enslaved people who live in the UK today.’

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A newly crowned King Charles looks to the future on the balcony of Buckingham Palace

## Royal relevancy

Possibly the most insidious threat is that of relevancy. YouGov polls highlight the younger generation questioning the relevancy (and cost) of the institution in the modern world. 'He will do his utmost to maintain the relevance of the monarchy in the 21st century. And that's difficult in itself,' says *Majesty Magazine's* Joe Little.

Yet many may argue his biggest challenge is that he's not the late Queen Elizabeth. 'Because we are all so familiar with Charles, he still doesn't command the same levels of respect as the Queen,' says Joe. 'She is a tough act to follow.'

However, our workaholic King, who wants to reshape a monarchy by blending modernity with tradition, has already shown himself to be a lot quicker to take action and more ruthless than his pragmatic mother ever was. The fragile truce negotiated with Harry and Meghan saw Harry make a very brief appearance at the coronation, even though Charles has taken back their UK home, Frogmore Cottage. Andrew has been told to leave Royal Lodge for a smaller property on the Windsor Estate, after Charles also made a cut to the Duke of York's annual £249,000 allowance.

From resolving family feuds to tackling wider issues, there's one certainty for the year ahead – King Charles will be working diligently serving his people both at home and abroad.





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**A**t the heart of royalty is a family – and now that family is a blended brood that reflects the domestic norm of many of us.

By putting Camilla's relatives centre stage at the Coronation, Their Majesties sent out a powerful message of unity. Camilla's three 13-year-old grandsons and her great-nephew were her Pages of Honour and her sister Annabel Elliot, 74, was one of her two Ladies in Attendance.

Even Camilla's Coronation gown had the names of her children, Tom and Laura, plus her grandchildren, Lola, Eliza, Gus, Louis, and Freddy embroidered upon it. Images of Beth and Bluebell, her Jack Russells, were sewn on the hem. And on the Westminster Abbey guest list was her ex-husband, retired Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, 83.

In Angela Levin's *Camilla: From Outcast to Queen Consort*, broadcaster and writer Gyles Brandreth, who has known Camilla since they were teenagers, said, 'Her family is key to her, especially her sister and her former husband and her children.' Camilla lost her 62-year-old brother Mark in 2014, after a fatal fall, and is very close to her sister, an interior designer and antiques dealer. 'Unless she's travelling or I'm travelling, we speak most days... we're a very close-knit family,' said Annabel in 2015. 'We have families who have grown up together, our children are virtually brothers and sisters.'

So who's included in the newest part of the clan?

# Meet the RO

Stepping into the history books, Queen Car



## THE SON: TOM PARKER BOWLES, 48

Thomas Henry Charles Parker Bowles holds the unique position of having King Charles as a stepfather and godfather. Educated at Eton and Oxford, Tom has a successful career as a food writer and critic. Starting out with a *Tatler* column, he has written seven cookbooks, won a Guild of Food Writers award and appeared on many culinary TV shows, such as *MasterChef*.

In 2005, Tom married Sara Buys, an associate editor of *Harpers & Queen* magazine. Stepfather Charles and stepsiblings Princes William and Harry were wedding guests. The couple share two children, Lola and Freddy, but separated in 2018.

From 2019, Tom dated Alice Procope, a former journalist and mum of three, before she died from cancer aged 42 in March 2021. 'I loved her very much, we had two incredible years together and it is incredibly sad,' Tom told *The Times*.

## THE DAUGHTER: LAURA LOPES, 45

Laura Rose Parker and her brother were brought up as Catholics (Andrew Parker Bowles is Catholic). Like Tom, Laura started at *Tatler*, as motoring correspondent, but her passion is curating art. She studied History of Art and Marketing at Oxford Brookes University. In 2005, Laura became a co-founding partner and gallery director of Eleven gallery.

In 2006, Laura married Harry Lopes, a Calvin Klein model-turned-chartered-accountant who is now CEO of Eden Renewables. Princes Charles, William and Harry and Kate Middleton were at her wedding, with the reception held at Camilla's home, Ray Mill House, in Wiltshire. The couple have three children, Eliza and twins Gus and Louis. Harry is the great-grandson of Field Marshal Douglas Haig, and heir apparent to Gnaton Hall in Devon and the Skelpick estate in the Scottish Highlands.



# ROYAL STEPFAMILY

Camilla's close-knit crew is discreet, loyal and loving

Left to right: Tom Parker Bowles, Laura Lopes, Queen Camilla, Freddy Parker Bowles, Louis Lopes, Gus Lopes, Eliza Lopes and Lola Parker Bowles



## THE GRANDSONS

**Louis and Gus Lopes, 13:** The twins were born in December 2009 and, like all Camilla's grandchildren, they call her 'GaGa'. Camilla was delighted to hear she would have twins in the family.

**Freddy Parker Bowles, 13:** Born in February 2010, he's the youngest of Charles' step-grandchildren.

Given that King Charles is separated by thousands of miles from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's children, Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet, he no doubt appreciates having additional grandchildren around. Camilla, who said her grandchildren showed her how to use TikTok, once said of their blended Royal Family, 'My grandchildren adore him, absolutely adore him. He reads Harry Potter and he can do all the different voices, and I think the children really appreciate that.'

## THE GRANDDAUGHTERS

**Lola Parker Bowles, 15:** The eldest of the step-grandchildren, Lola was born in October 2007. Camilla spoke fondly about her first grandchild in her July 2022 *British Vogue* interview. 'I do Wordle every day with my granddaughter. She'll text me to say, "I've done it in three", and I say, "Sorry, I've done it in two today",' she said.

**Eliza Lopes, 15:** Born in January 2008, Eliza was the youngest bridesmaid at the Prince and Princess of Wales' April 2011 wedding.

Camilla recently said, 'The girls are beginning to get into clothes and make-up... it's rather frightening when you see them coming out with pierced ears and a lot of new make-up and funny-coloured hair and stuff.'



# Best-dressed g



## LADY IN BLUE

### Jill Biden

President Joe Biden regrettably declined his invitation to the UK for the coronation, so his First Lady brought along their 22-year-old granddaughter Finnegan instead. Jill, 72, looked stunning in a periwinkle blue suit and gloves, which she paired with nude-coloured bag and shoes. We loved her fascinator too.



## LOOKING SO ROSY

### Queen Letizia of Spain

The 50-year-old style queen wore a Carolina Herrera punchy pink suit with peplum and lace detailing for her trip to Westminster Abbey. She matched the outfit with pink slingback shoes and carried a tiny fuchsia purse, also by Carolina Herrera.



## PROUD GRANDMA

### Carole Middleton

Not the mother of the bride, but the future Queen, it was a proud day for Carole, 68. The Princess of Wales' mum wore a Catherine Walker coat dress in cobalt blue with a matching headband. The icing on the cake must have been seeing her daughter and grandchildren in their ceremonial outfits – and a cute Prince Louis too.



## DIAMONDS AT HER FEET

### Dame Emma Thompson

Oscar-winning actress Emma, 64, chose a flame-red floral coat by New Zealand designer Emilia Wickstead and wore it over a more sombre little black dress. But it was her diamond-heeled shoes that added the real wow factor – that and her Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order medal, awarded to her in 2018.



# uests

It was a tough task keeping up with the British royals in Westminster Abbey – but we think these ladies nailed it



## CAPED CRUSADER

### Penny Mordaunt

The Leader of the House of Commons seemed in every shot during the coronation as she bestowed His Majesty with the Jewelled Sword of Offering. Penny, 50, had rave reviews for her cape dress, embroidered with the golden fern motif of the Privy Council. She accessorised with a Full Moon Band from Jane Taylor.



## WELL HEELED

### Marie-Chantal, Crown Princess of Greece

The stylish Marie-Chantal, 54, looked amazing in a pale blue dress by Mary Katrantzou and matching Jimmy Choo heels and hat. She attended the coronation with her husband, Crown Prince Pavlos, who is now head of the former Greek royal family and godson of King Charles III.



## BEST OF BRITISH

### Sophie Trudeau

Canada's First Lady Sophie, 48, chose a British fashion brand to wear at Westminster Abbey. Her Ted Baker dusky rose dress, with sheer balloon sleeves and satin skirt, went perfectly with her saucer hat.



## PURPLE REIGN

### Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark

Deep violet was the colour of choice for the Crown Princess, 51, who arrived with her husband Prince Frederik. Her beautiful coat dress and veiled headband was set off with a stunning turquoise brooch and matching earrings, a gift from her mother-in-law, Queen Margrethe II.



# The Queen's KENNEDY CONNECTION







## This year sees the 60th anniversary of the assassination of JFK who, with his wife Jacqueline, caused quite a stir at the Palace

**I**n 1953, shortly before becoming engaged to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, press photographer Jacqueline Bouvier travelled to London to cover the Queen's coronation for an American newspaper. She interviewed members of the public, who were waiting outside Buckingham Palace for a glimpse of the Royal Family, and even asked if they thought Elizabeth II would be Britain's last queen.

The young journalist was just one of millions watching history take place that day.

Could she ever have imagined she would return to the Palace just a few years later, on the arm of the 35th President of the United States? Or that following his tragic assassination, 60 years ago this November, she and her children would be comforted by Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh?

The Kennedys were megastars on the international stage. After JFK's election in 1961, Jacqueline became a huge celebrity in her own right, in a way that no other previous First Lady ever had. She

favoured neat shift dresses, immaculate white gloves, pillbox hats, simple pearl earrings and a trademark bouffant hairstyle. There was something extremely chic and Parisian about her appearance – perhaps a reflection of all the time she had spent overseas in Europe, especially France, which she adored.

In the summer of 1961, the Kennedys embarked on a European tour, first to Paris, then Vienna, before heading to England to attend the christening of Jacqueline's niece, the daughter of her



sister Lee, Princess Radziwill, who lived in London.

Although this was a private visit to England, Her Majesty the Queen was keen to meet with the new President and his First Lady, so she extended an invitation to a banquet held in their honour at Buckingham Palace. The Kennedys were delighted to accept, but Jacqueline insisted that her sister and

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brother-in-law, Prince Stanislaw Radziwill, should also be invited. However, as both Lee and her husband had been divorced, etiquette rules dictated they should not be allowed at state functions at the Palace. They weren't on the guest list until Her Majesty finally relented and invited them – but it was suggested at the time that she was very unwilling to do so.

Jacqueline Kennedy was well aware of the controversy and may have felt some animosity towards the Queen before they had even met. She certainly felt rather aggrieved when she heard that her other two requested additions to the guest list had been declined. Mrs Kennedy no doubt felt that she would get along famously with both Princess Margaret and Princess Marina, the glamorous widowed Duchess of Kent, but neither were invited. 'The Queen had her revenge,' the First Lady later joked. 'No Margaret, no Marina, no one except every Commonwealth Minister of Agriculture that they could find.'

The Queen was determined to impress her American guests. No expense was spared in ensuring that the already dazzling State Rooms looked their very best for the event and Her Majesty took particular care over her appearance. She opted for a blue tulle ball gown designed by Norman Hartnell, which she wore with splendid diamond and sapphire pieces from her jewellery collection. In contrast, Jacqueline Kennedy turned up wearing a chic ice-blue silk evening gown. Afterwards, the society photographer Cecil Beaton would claim that Jacqueline thought the Queen's blue dress was dowdy and



**President Kennedy was assassinated as his car passed along the route lined with well-wishers**

unfashionable and her hair unflatteringly flat, but it's unlikely that these criticisms ever got back to the Palace.

Jacqueline and the Queen were close in age, both being in their early 30s, but were very different in temperament. This would perhaps explain why Mrs Kennedy would later describe Queen Elizabeth as 'pretty hard going'. Although the Queen was interested in clothes, she had never been very interested in appearing fashionable, unlike her sister Princess Margaret. It's unlikely that the Queen would have cared very much about trying to upstage the

elegant Jacqueline but she might have been more than a little aggrieved, however, had she known the First Lady was unimpressed by the furnishings of Buckingham Palace.

According to Jacqueline's friend, the writer Gore Vidal, she later shared her impressions of the royal couple. 'Philip was nice, but nervous,' she told him, before adding that 'one felt absolutely no relationship between them'. During a conversation with the Queen after the dinner, Jacqueline described how difficult she had found their recent state visit to Canada and how much she hated

being on public display. 'The Queen looked rather conspiratorial and said: "One gets crafty after a while and learns how to save oneself,"' she recalled. After this, the Queen took her on a tour of the paintings in the

long gallery. Walking behind the pair was Jacqueline's sister Lee, who was accompanied by Prince

Philip. 'You're just like me,' he is said to have remarked to her. 'You have to walk three steps behind.'

It is entirely possible that there was some resentment and an element of competitiveness on both sides. The Queen perhaps felt

***'I am deeply distressed to learn of his tragic death'***





During the memorial service, Prince Philip held the hand of John Jr

a little bit intimidated by Jacqueline's famously chic style, so unlike her own. Meanwhile, Mrs Kennedy, as the glamorous wife of the world's most powerful man, was no doubt more than a little envious of a woman who held the power in her own right. Whatever the two women really thought about each other, the couples parted on good terms and a week later, President Kennedy sent a birthday message to the Queen that included his warm thanks for the evening they had spent at Buckingham Palace. 'We shall always cherish the memory of that delightful evening,' he wrote.

Nine months later, the Queen invited Jacqueline back again when she was visiting her sister Lee in London. This time, however,

Mrs Kennedy was the soul of discretion when she left Buckingham Palace, saying only that 'I don't think I should say anything about it, except how grateful I am and how charming she was'.

The Queen and President Kennedy were fated to never meet again. When the news of JFK's assassination broke on 22 November 1963, both she and Philip were devastated. The Queen sent her condolences to Jacqueline via telegram: 'I am so deeply distressed to learn of the tragic death of President Kennedy. My husband joins me in sending our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to you and your family.' Her Majesty ordered that flags should be lowered to half mast and that the bells of Westminster Abbey should

toll in memory of the President.

Although the Queen very much wanted to accompany Prince Philip to Kennedy's funeral in Washington, she was heavily pregnant with Prince Edward and unable to attend either that or the official memorial service at St Paul's Cathedral in London. Instead, she held a more private service at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, which was attended by almost 400 of the US servicemen stationed in Britain at the time.

On 14 May 1965, she paid her respects in person when she dedicated a memorial stone to the late President at Runnymede in Surrey. The ceremony was attended by Jacqueline, her two children, Caroline and John Jr, and her late husband's two brothers, Bobby and Ted Kennedy. The

Queen gave a speech that touched on the close bond that had always existed between the two families, mirroring the relationship between their two nations. She declared the monument and the land it stood on – given as a gift to the American people – to be 'in memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whom in death my people still mourn and whom in life they loved and admired'.

It was a poignant moment and one that demonstrated a much more personal connection than Mrs Kennedy may have once thought existed. As the group stood beside the memorial, onlookers noticed that four-year-old John Jr was holding his mother's hand on one side and on the other, that of the Duke of Edinburgh.



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# Doing their duty for Grandpa

Above the pomp and ceremony of the Coronation, three little stars shone out – George, Charlotte and Louis, all on their best behaviour for the biggest weekend of their lives

**F**rom the moment the Prince and Princess of Wales appeared with their children outside Westminster Abbey, it was clear they would take centre stage during the Coronation celebrations. From Princess Charlotte's mini-me Alexander McQueen gown, to Prince George's solemn support for King Charles during proceedings, their behaviour was impeccable. Even little Prince Louis managed to sit still for most of the Coronation (with only the odd yawn and brief time out).

The crowning of their grandfather was an enormous event for the children. Even compared with past occasions, such as the Jubilee and the funeral of the Queen, it must have been confirmation, if ever it was needed, of their future roles within the Royal Family.

With the King and Queen now enthroned, the Prince of Wales in support, and Prince George in his wake, the succession of the British monarchy is established. We take a look at the youngsters in line for the throne.

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Big smiles in Slough for the Big Help Out







Prince George was a Page of Honour for his grandfather, with, l-r, Ralph Tollemache, Lord Oliver Cholmondeley and Nicholas Barclay

## GEORGE SEES HIS FUTURE PATH

**L**ast September, with what felt like the entire world watching his great-grandmother's funeral, Prince George's demeanour seemed beyond his nine years. Throughout what must have been an emotionally draining day, the Prince was composed, respectful and with his sister Princess Charlotte at his side was never going to put a foot wrong.

Many royal watchers put his composure down to the lessons he has been given by his parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales. 'William and Catherine are doing a fantastic job at raising the most well-adjusted generation that the Royal Family have ever known,' says royal TV commentator Victoria Arbiter, whose father Dickie Arbiter was a former press secretary to the Queen.

'Catherine's from a stable and happy family home – and she and William have insisted on lots of "hands-on" family time. They are fortunate to have been afforded

a tremendous amount of this over the years with the blessing of the late Queen and Charles. From first-hand experience, Charles knew how hard it was to raise a family within the demands of royal duty and service,' she said.

For the Coronation, Prince George was chosen as one of eight Pages of Honour. Alongside Lord Oliver Cholmondeley, Nicholas Barclay and Ralph Tollemache, the Prince attended his grandfather, helping to carry his ceremonial robes. Queen Camilla was helped by her grandsons Gus and Louis Lopes and Freddy Parker Bowles, as well as her great-nephew Arthur Elliot.

George wore a knee-length scarlet coat with gold trimmings over a white satin waistcoat and lace ruffle. The ancient outfit had one modern tweak, however, as the Prince was reportedly not keen on wearing 'tights'. It's said he persuaded Grandpa that the traditional white breeches and stockings should be

replaced with a pair of dark trousers.

After the ceremony, George joined his family for a horse-drawn coach ride back to the Palace, where he waved from the balcony. The following night, he and his sister were allowed to stay up for the Windsor concert. And for the Big Help Out, he volunteered with his siblings at Upton Scout Hut in Slough to help to renovate the building.

But it was the release of an official portrait, taken just hours after the Coronation, that firmly established George's place in history. Photographed in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace, the image showed King Charles and the two future sovereigns in full regalia.

Assuming Charles and William have full and healthy lives, it could be another 50 years before we witness a coronation for the future George VII. Who knows if that will ever take place and, if it does, how it will look.

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With Dad, having a go at archery and watching the Coronation Concert







King Charles III with his  
heirs, the Prince of Wales  
and Prince George





Louis, George and Charlotte  
ride the Australian State Coach  
to Buckingham Palace





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Princess Charlotte looked elegant in her Alexander McQueen cape and dress

## CHARLOTTE'S SECRET ROLE

**W**hen the Prince and Princess of Wales surprised royal fans on Windsor's Long Walk the day after the Coronation, William revealed his daughter had been given the toughest job of all on the day.

Where was Princess Charlotte, asked someone in the crowd. 'She's very tired after yesterday. She's having a quiet day at home. It was making sure her little brother behaved himself,' joked William.

The doting big sister was seen holding little Louis' hand as they arrived and departed the service at the Abbey. Charlotte could also be seen chatting to her younger brother throughout the two-hour service and later encouraged

him to wave to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

It's not the first time the Princess has taken charge. At the Queen's funeral last September, Charlotte was filmed telling George, 'You need to bow,' as the coffin was loaded into the hearse. Similarly, she looked after Prince Louis at the Platinum Jubilee last June, telling him to stop waving in a carriage ride and slapping his hand out of his mouth at the concert.

But it wasn't just her behaviour during the celebration weekend that impressed. From the sparkle of her floral headdress to the delicate embroidery of her white Alexander McQueen cape and dress, Charlotte's Coronation outfit delighted those watching the service from around

the world. She was the perfect mini-me to her mother Catherine, who also wore a headpiece and McQueen gown.

And for the Windsor concert the following evening, there was another heartwarming mother-daughter style moment when Charlotte wore a cream chiffon dress by Self-Portrait, one of Catherine's favourite labels. For the Big Help Out, she was back in cut-off jeans and sweater, perfect for painting planters, tasting marshmallows – and sticking close to her little brother.

She may not have her older brother's major role to anticipate, but Charlotte is showing she can manage even the trickiest of tasks.

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A cream chiffon dress for the Concert,  
and cut-off jeans for the Big Help Out





## LOUIS DIGS FOR BRITAIN

**M**idway through the Coronation ceremony, Prince Louis was suddenly missing. The question on everyone's lips? Where did he go?

But parents and grandparents will understand the reason for his disappearance. Taking a five-year-old to a two-hour church ceremony that's set to be broadcast to millions across the globe requires some planning, and the Waleses were taking

no risks. It's believed that they stationed a nanny nearby with instructions to whisk Prince Louis away if he began to misbehave or grow tired.

Louis wasn't gone for too long though, and was back before the ceremony's conclusion, just in time to sing *God Save the King* as King Charles III and Queen Camilla left the Abbey.

It was a very big weekend for such a little boy, but he was rewarded on the Bank Holiday Monday with the chance to drive a giant digger at the Big Help



A helping hand from Dad in an excavator, and digging with Mum





Out. The Prince also fired a bow and arrow, steered a wheelbarrow and toasted treats over the fire. When he was handed a 'smore' – a marshmallow with chocolate sandwiched between two biscuits – he couldn't believe his luck. 'You've made his day!' said Dad William. 'We won't hear a peep out of him.'

Louis was thought too young to attend the Queen's funeral in September, so his appearance at the Coronation and his day helping out the scouts were his first public engagements in almost a year.

Grandpa Wales, as it's believed the King is known, must be very proud.



Enjoying a tasty treat with his big brother and his mother



On the balcony of Buckingham Palace after the Coronation of his grandfather



# The royal treatment

This summer, why not throw a palace-worthy garden party?

## COOK'S TIP

The tarts can be made up to 1 day ahead. Keep covered and chilled, then gently warm in a low oven for a few mins before serving.

## PER SERVING

630 cals, 44g fat, 18g sat fat, 34g carbs

## Mini smoked salmon and asparagus quiches

Quiche was the star of many coronation buffets – make as small individual tarts or a larger one to share.

### SERVES 6

**PREP** 30 mins, plus chilling time

**COOK** 30-40 mins

- \* 200g fine asparagus, blanched, cooled and sliced
- \* 500g block shortcrust pastry, thawed
- \* 4 medium eggs
- \* 248ml soured cream
- \* 125ml whole milk
- \* Grated zest of 1 lemon
- \* Pinch grated nutmeg
- \* 250g smoked salmon, flaked or roughly chopped
- \* 2tbsp snipped chives

- \* Few fronds of dill, to serve

### YOU WILL NEED:

- \* 6 x 6-8cm individual tart tins, greased, and bottom lined with baking paper, baking beans or dry rice for baking

**1** Blanch the asparagus in boiling water for 2 mins, refresh under cold water then slice and set aside. Roll out the pastry to about 2mm thickness. Cut 6 disks a little larger than the tart tins and use to line the tins. Chill for at least 30 mins in the fridge until the pastry is firm.

**2** Heat oven to 200C Fan/Gas 7. Line each tart with baking paper and baking beans/rice, then bake for 10 mins. Remove the beans/rice and paper, then return to the oven for 5-10 mins until the pastry is dry and light golden.

**3** Meanwhile, in a bowl, whisk eggs, cream, milk, zest, nutmeg and some seasoning. Divide the salmon, chives and asparagus between the warm tart cases and pour over the egg mixture.

**4** Return to the oven and bake for 15-18 mins or until the pastry is golden and custard set. Serve with dill.



**COOK'S TIP**

Stuff the scones with any filling you like. Smoked salmon or roast beef would work well.

## Cheese scone fingers

Savoury and delicious, these make a great alternative to classic cucumber sandwiches.

**MAKES 12**

**PREP 20 mins, plus cooling**

**COOK 15 mins**

- \* 225g self-raising flour, plus extra to dust
- \* 50g slightly salted butter, diced, plus extra to grease
- \* 65g Lincolnshire Poacher cheese, or other mature Cheddar, finely grated
- \* 125ml whole milk, plus extra to glaze

**FOR THE FILLING:**

- \* 25g watercress, plus extra to serve
- \* 75g slightly salted butter, softened
- \* 75g soft rindless goat's cheese

**1** Heat the oven to 200C Fan/Gas 7. Put the flour in a bowl, add the butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 50g of the cheese and most of the milk, then mix to a soft dough, adding the last of the milk a little at a time if needed to form a soft dough.

**2** Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and work into a smooth ball. Roll out the dough to 2cm thick, keeping the shape as square as possible. Cut into lengths 3cm-wide, then across into fingers 7cm long. Arrange on a greased baking sheet and

re-roll any dough trimmings to make more scones.

**3** Brush the top of each scone with milk and sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 12-15 mins until pale golden. Then cool on a wire rack.

**4** To make the filling, finely chop the watercress, discarding any tough stalks. In a bowl, beat the butter until soft and add the watercress, goat's cheese, a little salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, beat until smooth.

**5** Split the scones and sandwich with the filling and serve with a few sprigs of watercress.

**PER SERVING**  
195 cals, 13g fat, 8g sat fat, 15g carbs





#### COOK'S TIP

If you're in a hurry, use 2 pouches of ready-cooked rice.

#### PER SERVING

272 cals, 4.5g fat, 0g sat fat, 49g carbs

## Rice and bean vinaigrette pots

A simple salad that's lovely on its own or served alongside the Scotch eggs or smoked salmon and asparagus quiches.

**SERVES 6 PREP 10 mins, plus cooling**  
**COOK 10 mins**

- \* 300ml basmati rice
- \* 600ml hot vegetable stock
- \* 400g tin mixed beans, drained and rinsed
- \* 1 red pepper, chopped
- \* 4 salad onions, trimmed and chopped
- \* 4 gherkins, drained and chopped
- \* 5tbsp French dressing
- \* Dash hot pepper sauce

- \* 2tbsp chopped parsley, plus extra to serve

**1** Put the rice and stock in a pan with a pinch of salt. Cover, bring to the boil. Simmer for 10 mins until the rice is tender and stock absorbed. Remove from the heat, leave to stand for 5 mins.

**2** Stir the other ingredients through the rice. Cool, then divide between glass pots and sprinkle with extra parsley, to serve.

## Scotch eggs

An English classic made summery with the addition of fresh herbs and pickles on the side.

**SERVES 6 PREP 30 mins COOK 10 mins**

- \* 8 medium eggs
- \* 500g good-quality pork sausage meat
- \* Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- \* 2tbsp fresh chopped parsley
- \* 2tsp fresh chopped thyme
- \* Flour, to dust
- \* 75g fresh breadcrumbs
- \* Sunflower oil, for deep frying
- \* Pickled cucumbers, to serve

**1** Cook 6 eggs in a pot of simmering water for 6 mins. Plunge into iced water, then peel and set aside. In a bowl, mix the sausage meat with the lemon zest, herbs and seasoning. Turn out onto a board and divide into 6 even-sized pieces.

**2** Sprinkle a little seasoned flour onto a plate. Beat the remaining eggs then pour onto another plate and put the breadcrumbs on a third. Roll each egg in the flour, then in the beaten egg.

**3** Flatten a portion of the sausage meat mixture in the palm of your hand and gently shape around one of the eggs, ensuring it's an even thickness all the way around. Pinch the edges to seal. Repeat with the remaining eggs and sausage meat. Coat the eggs again in flour, then egg, then evenly in the breadcrumbs. Chill until ready to cook.

**4** Fill a medium saucepan with 10cm oil. Heat, once the oil is hot enough to brown a cube of bread in about 30 secs, add 3 eggs at a time and fry for around 6 mins until golden. Drain on kitchen paper. Cool, then serve with pickled cucumbers or refrigerate until ready to serve.

#### PER SERVING

481 cals, 36g fat, 11g sat fat, 17g carbs





# Peach, strawberry and Pimm's cup crumbles

The flavours of the English summer combine in this delicious make-ahead pud.

**SERVES 6 PREP 15 mins COOK 40 mins**

- \* 3 ripe peaches, stones removed, roughly chopped
- \* 100g strawberries, hulled and chopped
- \* 25g caster sugar
- \* 75ml Pimm's No 1

## FOR THE CRUMBLE TOPPING:

- \* 75g plain flour
- \* 25g oatmeal

- \* 80g slightly salted butter, cut into small pieces

- \* 75g caster sugar
- \* Pouring cream, to serve

## YOU WILL NEED:

- \* 6 small ovenproof teacups or ramekins

- 1 Heat the oven to 170C Fan/Gas 5. Mix the peaches, strawberries and

25g caster sugar in a bowl. Divide fruit and Pimm's between teacups/ramekins.

**2** For the crumble topping, blitz the flour, oatmeal and butter in a food processor until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Mix in the sugar and spoon the mixture over the fruit.

**3** Bake for 40 mins until the crumbles are pale golden. Serve warm or at room temperature, with cream if liked.

**PER  
SERVING**  
 278 cal, 12g  
 fat, 7g sat fat,  
 36g carbs

## COOK'S TIP

Assemble the crumbles up to 1 day ahead and keep in the fridge until ready to cook.







# Welcome to the

# CORONATION

King Charles' accession to the throne has sparked a property reshuffle – so who owns what and which houses can you visit?

**N**ever mind *Game of Thrones*, it's *Game of Homes*, as a new monarch means the royal properties have changed hands again. From the many Crown properties, including Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Clarence House, to the privately owned homes such as Balmoral and Sandringham, who owns the keys to the royal real estate? And why are some family members being asked to move? We take a look at the real Coronation Street...



Clarence House in central London



## THE KING AND QUEEN

Now acceded to the throne, Charles and Camilla are spoilt for choice when it comes to weekend getaways. They currently live in Clarence House, which is owned by The Crown. The Crown Estate is an independent land and

property-owning business, out of which the government allocates a percentage of its profits back to the monarch, through the Sovereign Grant.

While repairs continue on Buckingham Palace, it's expected the couple will stay at Clarence House and use the Palace as formal headquarters. They also have Highgrove, the Gloucestershire home Charles bought through the Duchy of Cornwall in 1980; Birkhall,





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Buckingham Palace

their house on the Balmoral Estate in Scotland, and Welsh holiday home Llwynywermod, near the Brecon Beacons. As well as these retreats, the King now has use of privately owned Balmoral Castle itself, which he has inherited from his mother, and Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. Other Crown properties he can use include Windsor Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

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Highgrove Estate

## THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES

Once Prince William became Prince of Wales in September, he inherited the Duchy of Cornwall from his father – the vast land and property estate set up by Edward III in 1337 for his son and heir. The Duchy brings with it a wealth of property – including, technically, Highgrove – much of which is rented out as farmland and holiday homes. Meanwhile, the Prince and Princess are also spoilt for choice when it comes to where to lay their hat and tiara. Last year, they moved to four-bedroom Adelaide Cottage, leased on the Windsor Estate, but also have the use of 10-bed Anmer Hall on the Sandringham Estate, Norfolk, and their five-bed apartment in London's Kensington Palace.



Adelaide Cottage





Montecito, California



## PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN, DUCHESS OF SUSSEX

As second son, Prince Harry missed out on a lot of things, not least inheriting the Duchy of Cornwall. And while William has several homes to choose from, Harry's remaining British base, the much-publicised Frogmore Cottage, is no more. According to recent reports, Charles has given Harry notice on the leased five-bedroom house on the Windsor Estate,

reportedly leaving the Duke 'stunned'. His primary privately owned home is in Montecito, California, where he settled with Meghan and son Archie, now four, after making their exit from the Royal Family in 2020. Their mansion is on millionaires' row, with neighbours including Orlando Bloom and Katy Perry, Oprah and Ellen DeGeneres. And it's where the family celebrated the christening this year of Princess Lilibet, two.



Bagshot Park

## THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH

Prince Edward and Sophie – who were made Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh in March – live at Bagshot Park,



Windsor Estate

## PRINCE ANDREW AND SARAH, DUCHESS OF YORK

Another royal allegedly being asked to vacate, is Prince Andrew. The Duke of York has lived in Royal Lodge on the Windsor Estate since 2004. It was formerly the home of the Queen Mother, and

Andrew's ex-wife Sarah also cohabits there. According to reports, Andrew is being asked to leave the leased seven-bed mansion, which is owned by The Crown and choose somewhere



smaller, instead – ideally, Frogmore Cottage. He sold his Swiss chalet in Verbier for £19 million, according to reports, to pay for the Virginia Giuffrè settlement. Sarah, meanwhile, has bought a £5 million house in Mayfair.



Balmoral Castle





not far from Windsor. The pair, along with children Lady Louise Windsor, 19, and James, Earl of Wessex, 15, have a happy family home in their 120-room mansion. It was gifted to them after their wedding in 1999 and is leased from The Crown Estate.



Gatcombe Park

## PRINCESS ANNE AND SIR TIM LAURENCE

Another royal duo who love their country life is Princess Anne and her husband, Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, who live in Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire. The homely nine-bed house was bought for Anne as a wedding present by the Queen, in 1976. It is a working farm and equestrian centre and hosts the Gatcombe Horse Trials. Son Peter Phillips and daughter Zara Tindall live in family homes on the estate, too. As well as Gatcombe, Anne has the use of a home in St James's Palace in London.



## VISIT THE ROYALS Five homes you can pop round...

**1 BUCKINGHAM PALACE** While no royals live there at present, Buckingham Palace is the working hub of the Royal Family and its famous interiors, including the throne room, are open to the public every summer. Visit [rct.uk](http://rct.uk)

**2 BALMORAL CASTLE** Queen Victoria adored her Scottish castle in Aberdeenshire and so did Queen Elizabeth, who passed away there last September. The grounds are open to the public in the summer,

but you can stay longer, in one of its multiple holiday cottages on the estate. Visit [balmoralcastle.com](http://balmoralcastle.com)

**3 SANDRINGHAM ESTATE** Every Christmas, the Royal Family traditionally heads to Sandringham, in Norfolk. This grand house and vast estate was bought by the Royal Family in 1862. The house and gardens are open to visitors during the summer and the wide estate is open all year round. Visit [sandringhamestate.co.uk](http://sandringhamestate.co.uk)

**4 HIGHGROVE** It might be the Gloucestershire home of the King, but its famous gardens are still open to visitors on select dates through the summer, including afternoon tea in the Orchard Room. Visit [highgrovegardens.com](http://highgrovegardens.com)

**5 WINDSOR CASTLE** The castle is used for ceremonies such as the Order of the Garter, inspired by tales of King Arthur. It is open to the public all year round. Visit [rct.uk](http://rct.uk)



# Holiday like a royal

*Whether jetting off somewhere hot or planning a staycation, you'll look fabulous with these royal-inspired summer must-haves*

Princess of Wales

## TROPICAL BEAUTY

The Princess of Wales is lucky enough to have visited some idyllic islands, from Ibiza to Mustique. These hot-weather heroes will ensure your make-up and hair stay exactly where you want them.

\* Rumoured to be Kate's preferred brand of SPF (and a favourite of the Royal Family for decades), **Lancaster Sun Beauty Body Milk SPF30, £28, Boots**, delivers top-notch protection while nourishing the skin without stickiness.

\* Kate has naturally wavy hair, which can spring up in high humidity. Therefore, create a protective veil around your finished style with **Lee Stafford Anti-Humidity Spray, £6.99, Boots**, which will help keep everything silky and smooth in tropical climates.

\* Feel confident taking a dip in the pool with **Bobbi Brown No Budge Mascara, £28.50, [bobbibrown.co.uk](http://bobbibrown.co.uk)**, which will keep your lashes smear-, smudge- and flake-proof come rain or shine.







Princess Anne

## ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

The royals are all outdoorsy, none more so than Princess Anne. Whether you're planning a break in the country or just pottering around the garden, check out these hassle-free essentials.

✱ Even in the UK, you'll need to wear a high-factor SPF every day. **L'Oréal Paris Revitalift Clinical Anti-UV Fluid SPF50+, £19.99**, soaks in quickly and helps to brighten the skin thanks to added vitamin C.

✱ Use products that will keep you looking 'done' over a long weekend. Paint **Maybelline Tattoo Brow Long Lasting Tint, £12.99**, over your brows, leave for up to two hours then peel off. You'll have defined, evenly filled brows that last for up to three days.

✱ A heavy foundation will slip in the heat, so switch in a tinted moisturiser. **No7 Beauty Balm Tinted Skin Veil, £15.95**, **Boots**, is a make-up must-have. It gives enough coverage, with the bonus of SPF15 protection.



Duchess of Sussex

## CITY BREAK

When you're ducking in and out of cafes, checking out museums and taking in the scenery, you'll need hard-working, handbag-friendly staples that keep your skin protected and your hair smooth.

✱ Meghan has actually admitted to being obsessed with **Wella Professionals Luminous**

**Smoothing Oil, £9.25**, **sephora.co.uk**, a shine-enhancing oil. 'It smells like vacation and makes your hair slippery and touchable,' she said. 'It also doubles as a pretty amazing body oil post-bath.'

✱ When you're out and about in summer, you'll need to top up your sun cream every two hours. **Garnier Ambre Solaire Over Makeup Super UV Protection Mist SPF50, £12**, is so light, it won't ruin your make-up, and the can is neat enough to keep in your handbag.

✱ Sweat, pollution and hot weather can make hair oilier. Keep roots fresh with **Phil Smith Big It Up! Dry Shampoo, £2.50**, **Sainsbury's**.



Duchess of Edinburgh

## SPA RETREAT

If you're lucky enough to be sauna hopping at a luxurious spa retreat, pack a couple of sheet masks in your robe to enhance your skin as you relax on a lounger. Fancy an at-home spa day? Lock yourself in the bathroom for a few hours with these pampering treats.

✱ Create a tranquil ambience with a scented candle. **Ragdale Hall Sleep Candle, £9.50**, **M&S**, is blended with lavender, jasmine, geranium and sandalwood to soothe a busy mind.

✱ Lie back and relax with **BeautyPro Vitamin C Brightening Facial Sheet Mask, £5**, **beautypro.com**. It helps tone down redness, even out tone and make skin look glowy. It's also completely biodegradable and compostable.

✱ An Indian head massage is one of the most relaxing treatments you can experience. Pop on **Hair Proud Clean & Strong Pre-Cleanse Hair Mask, £9.95**, **iamproud.com**, to pamper your hair, then spend a few minutes massaging it into the scalp with your fingertips.





# A future king is born

Ten years ago, the country swooned at the first glimpse of a special baby boy

**R**ewind 10 years, and many of us will remember this picture of William and Catherine, proud parents presenting their firstborn to the world on the steps of London's St Mary's Hospital Lindo Wing. Born only the day before at 4.24pm on July 22 2013, weighing 8lb 6oz, the-then unnamed third in line to the throne was oblivious to all the fuss.

On that day, George Alexander Louis knew nothing of the duty that would eventually be bestowed upon him. There would be rules, tradition, pomp and ceremony. He'd be expected to serve his country in the military, to remain impartial and to undertake etiquette lessons.

Today, with his grandfather Charles now crowned King, the Prince is second in line to the throne. If and when he does succeed his father William, the future George VII will no doubt inherit a very different monarchy to the one he was born into. But for now, let's hope he is allowed to celebrate his milestone birthday, just like any other 10-year-old.

'George knows that he is going to be king,' says Katie Nicholl, *Vanity Fair* royal correspondent and author of *The New Royals*. 'But what Kate and William are not doing is weighing him down with a sense of duty. It's not an easy job to have to prepare one of your children to be the future monarch.'

Wherever his path takes him before his own coronation, we'll be following this special boy born to be king.





👑 What a picture





# Tragedy of the other PRINCE GEORGE

With his matinee-idol looks, Prince George, Duke of Kent, was famed as much for his lifestyle as his mysterious death

**F**ifty-five years before a car crash took the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, another shocking death saw the Royal Family lose one of its brightest and most popular younger princes under equally devastating circumstances.

On 25 August 1942, Prince George, Duke of Kent, boarded a Sunderland flying boat at Invergordon RAF base in the Scottish Highlands, on a scheduled mission to Iceland. As an air commodore, he had already flown more than 60,000 miles over the previous year, on goodwill visits to Canada and the USA. Tragically, the much-loved brother of King George VI, would never reach Reykjavik.

At 1.42pm, the plane ploughed into a hillside 250 miles north of Edinburgh and George, along with 14 others, was killed. Miraculously, rear gunner Andrew Jack survived, but sustained serious burns pulling the bodies of the Duke

and others out of the burning wreckage.

Prince George was just 39 years old and, heartbreakingly, left three young children fatherless: Prince Michael was a newly christened baby, less than two months old; Princess Alexandra was five, and Prince Edward, six. Their mother, Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark, his wife of eight years, was a widow at 36. She was devastated, along with the Royal Family and a shocked nation. During the war, the Prince had developed a special rapport with troops and the country.

However, behind the image of a patriotic, devoted family man was an enigmatic, wayward prince – in parts alluring, adventurous, but once addicted to drugs and affairs with women and men.



Prince George as a naval cadet

## THE BRIGHTEST OF BROTHERS

Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund was born on 20 December 1902 at York Cottage on the Sandringham Estate, to the-then Prince and Princess of Wales (later George V and Queen Mary). At the time of his birth, he was fifth in line to the throne, behind his father and three older brothers,

Edward (later Edward VIII, Duke of Windsor), Albert (later George VI), and Henry (later Duke of Gloucester).

At 13, he was sent to naval college and, although he detested it due to acute seasickness, he remained in the Royal Navy until 1929. After a brief Foreign Office stint, he moved to the Home Office. He was the first royal to work as a civil servant and was







George embraced a high-society lifestyle

## GOOD-TIME GEORGE

Rumours of bisexual affairs and being hooked on drugs would follow the playboy Prince. In 1929, it was believed Edward weaned George off a morphine and cocaine addiction after he fell for a married American socialite, Kiki Preston, known as 'the girl with the silver syringe'.

Kiki reportedly engaged George in a ménage à trois with the son of the Argentinian ambassador. There were also persistent rumours about the true nature of George's 19-year friendship with Noel Coward, the actor, playwright and composer. And it was widely thought that Kiki had George's love child – a son called Michael Temple Canfield, later adopted by a family in America. In 1960, the Duke of Windsor dined with Michael and wife Laura. She later confessed the Duke was convinced by Michael's likeness that he was George's son.



Michael Temple Canfield and wife Laura on their wedding day

designated a factory inspector – which he relished.

But throughout the 1920s and early 30s, what George also embraced with gusto was a high-society lifestyle, full of intimate liaisons. As documented in Christopher Warwick's *George and Marina: Duke and Duchess of Kent*, while sharing a home with Edward, his equally hedonistic eldest brother, he lived life to the full. They

loved flying, skiing, fast cars, jazz, parties and hanging out in fashionable nightclubs with mistresses and debutantes. In the Duke of Windsor's 1951 memoirs, *A King's Story*, he wrote: 'Although George was eight and a half years my junior, I found in his character qualities that were akin to my own, we became more than brothers – we became friends.'

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**'Dazzling pair' Prince George and Princess Marina (below left) marry in 1934, and on honeymoon (top left)**

## PRINCESS BRIDE

Marrying his second cousin, Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark, 'this lovely, chic creature', at Westminster Abbey on 29 November 1934 was a stabilising influence. The marriage was the last between a monarch's son and a princess of a foreign royal house.

They were the golden couple of high society. Entertaining guests, such as photographer Cecil Beaton, at 3 Belgrave Square, their London mansion, and later, during wartime at Coppins, their Buckinghamshire country home. It's doubtful, however, that his affairs stopped. In 1937, it's claimed he had a fling with Margaret Campbell, later the infamous Duchess of Argyll.

Just like Diana's marriage to Prince Charles ignited a media frenzy, Marina and George filled the society pages. 'That dazzling pair... gathering around them some of the most brilliant personalities from the arts, entertaining lavishly and

generating an interest in their way of life that was unparalleled in the history of the royal family,' writes Christopher Warwick, describing George as 'the most interesting, intelligent and cultivated member of his generation'.

And as conspiracy theories

swirl around Diana's death, aged 36, in August 1997, the August 1942 plane crash that killed the Duke is also subject to conjecture. Was George flying it? Was he on a secret mission to Sweden to appease Hitler? Was there a mystery person aboard and why has the secret court of

inquiry report disappeared?

Prince George was his generation's royal star, a happily married father of three, bravely embracing a new chapter in his young life. However, like Diana, this prince was destined to shine brightly for far too short a time.

## PRINCE GEORGE'S SCANDALS

### HOOKED ON HARD DRUGS

During the 1920s, it is said he fell under the spell of 'the girl with the silver syringe', a married American called Kiki Preston, which saw him addicted to morphine, cocaine and other substances. By 1929, a deeply concerned Edward, Prince of Wales, took him away for rehabilitation. To prevent any relapses, he later assigned a detective to report on George's every move.

### LOVING WOMEN AND MEN

Many believe George's sexual appetite was insatiable. He supposedly had affairs with cabaret star Florence Mills, English musical star Jessie Matthews, banking heiress Poppy Baring, the Duchess of Argyll and novelist Barbara Cartland. As for men, there were rumours of an affair with Noel Coward and gossip linked him to Anthony Blunt, the art historian and infamous Soviet spy.

### CHILDREN OUT OF WEDLOCK

The Duke is rumoured to have had several illegitimate offspring. Michael Temple Canfield was thought to be his son by the notorious Kiki Preston. Barbara Cartland once said that George may have been the father of her daughter Raine McCorquodale, who later became Countess Spencer, Diana's stepmother.



**Diana, with stepmother Raine McCorquodale**



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# The Princess powers up

From university girlfriend to future Queen, Catherine has undergone a seamless style evolution

**O**nce dubbed Waity Katie, the Princess is again a lady-in-waiting – this time for that day when she becomes Queen.

As soon as the Duchess of Cambridge became Princess of Wales last September, her working wardrobe noticeably changed. The 41-year-old has powered up, with a choice of tailored suits and directional pieces that are very First Lady-like – wide-legged pant suits, like Michelle Obama, and tailored dresses, like Jackie Onassis.

It's less a style revolution and more an evolution, according to fashion experts. 'Catherine has certainly shifted up a gear with her fashion sense – which has always been impeccable – as well as seeming comfortable with her more fashion-forward choices,' says personal stylist Chantelle Znideric. 'She is remaining true to her signature style, but with more statement pieces, exaggerated details and bolder colour choices.'

It's a long way from that see-through dress she modelled on the catwalk at university, or the low-cut jeans and boots she sported in the Noughties. But she's never looked better, says Znideric, who styles successful businesswomen. 'Her edgier look comes with a more self-assured and carefree confidence, which is fabulous to witness,' she says. 'This perfectly demonstrates that Catherine is playing to her strengths by choosing more daring styles to complement her body shape, while showing she is ready to expose a somewhat reinvented yet flourishing personal brand.'

Over the next seven pages, we take a look at her fashion journey...

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From low-cut jeans to impeccable tailoring, Kate now opts for figure-hugging styles in standout colour choices





## NAUGHTY NOUGHTIES

When Kate was at university at St Andrews, the story goes, the moment Prince William clocked her on the catwalk modelling a see-through black dress by Charlotte Todd at a charity fashion parade in 2002, he saw his friend in a new light.

After graduating and working as an accessories buyer for Jigsaw, 'Waity Katie' as she was known then, had a wardrobe full of Noughties classics, including skinny and low-rise jeans paired with vest-tops, as well as mini-dresses and knee-high boots. In fact, 'Young Kate Middleton' is one of the hottest trends with Gen Z, who recreate her look on social media. There have been 3.8 million searches for her on TikTok.



Kate's classic Noughties style has become a hit with teenagers embracing retro fashion trends







## PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION

Once she walked down the aisle in Westminster Abbey on April 29 2011 in her Alexander McQueen wedding dress, gone was Waity Katie and in came Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge. Even her wedding dress started trends not seen with a royal bride since Diana, whose 1981 Emanuel gown started a trend for enormous frocks. Kate's long-sleeved lace gown put an end to the dominance of strapless dresses and became an iconic design.

She then played a long style game, first opting for understated elegance, such as her love of nude pumps and Jenny Packham dresses, and was criticised by some for being boring. The impact of her style choices cannot be underestimated, however, as everything she wore sold out immediately.

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**In with the new, the Princess led the way with understated, elegant designs – everything she wore immediately sold out**







Pastels packed a punch during pregnancy, but it was her high-street choices after that showed the real carefree Kate

## THE MOTHERHOOD EFFECT

The 'Kate effect' did not abate when she was pregnant. Despite suffering with extreme morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum, Catherine continued to look flawless, in a series of pastel coat dresses, such as a pink Alexander McQueen dress for the Trooping of the Colour in 2013 and another

McQueen gown at the Norwegian palace in 2018.

But it was her high-street dressing after the births that showed the real Kate. In June 2015, she went to the polo with toddler George in a Me+Em Breton top and Topshop maternity jeans, then in June 2018 was snapped at Beaufort Polo Club in a Zara cotton dress.







## SIGNATURE STYLE

Catherine is the perfect example of finding a signature style and sticking with it. She wears coat dresses with nipped-in waists from her go-to designers McQueen, Packham and Catherine Walker, as well as Burberry and Erdem. 'She is someone who nurtures her style and knows how to play this to her advantage,' says Chantelle Znideric. 'Waisted coat dresses and peplum-style jackets accentuate her waist; feminine dresses create movement by giving her athletic body shape enviable curves.'

Her red-carpet looks embody this fashion confidence – she re-wore a white McQueen gown to the BAFTAs in February, updating the shoulder detail and accessorising with black gloves. She also loves a sequin gown and deploys them at the perfect moment – when she wore a gold, Jenny Packham, floor-length sequin gown to the premiere of James Bond's *No Time To Die* in 2021, she literally outshone every other person – including the movie's stars.

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Playing to her strengths, Kate knows what works, from nipped-in waists to glamorous show-stopping dresses that accentuate her enviable figure







Catherine's luscious locks are her crowning glory, whether up or down, with minimum make-up for maximum impact

## CATHERINE'S BEAUTY SECRETS

Just like her wardrobe, Catherine's hair and make-up is also part of her signature look. She has favoured long glossy locks for the past 20 years and reportedly uses Kérastase shampoo. The only hair horror we have seen was her tonged curls and braiding she sported on the university catwalk, in 2002 – but then, not many people were looking at her hair. Catherine favours a bouncy blow-out and elaborate up-do on a formal occasion, but has lately been

attending events rocking a more modern preppy ponytail.

As for her make-up, it's mostly kept to a minimum, but such is its impact that even with a mask on, the image of Catherine's arched brows and smoky eyes at Prince Philip's funeral in April 2021 went all over the world. She reportedly uses Urban Decay eyeshadow and Lancôme Hypnôse mascara and keeps her lip colour subtle – she was spotted applying Clarins Lip Perfector at Wimbledon.





## DIFFERENT FROM MEGHAN

When Meghan Markle joined the Royal Family in 2018, she employed similar fashion choices to Catherine at first, opting for safe outfits, later saying she tried not to stand out. 'I wore a lot of muted tones, but it also was so I could just blend in. Like, I'm not trying to stand out here,' Meghan said on the Netflix

documentary *Harry & Meghan*. As well as a mutual like for Catherine Walker and Erdem, Meghan also opted for labels such as Givenchy and Dior.

Off-duty, while Catherine prefers sporty casuals, Meghan goes for the Californian stealth-wealth style, such as her camel Carolina Herrera cape and Veronica Beard vegan

leather pants she wore on a date night in Hollywood in March. However, the pair are united in their love of pant suits, with both appearing in white – Catherine in an Alexander McQueen suit in Jamaica in March 2022 and Meghan in Valentino at the Invictus Games a month later.

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While their flair for fashion may differ, Catherine and Meghan share a common love of super-chic pant suits





## KATE MEANS BUSINESS

The title came loaded with meaning from her late mother-in-law, but once Catherine became the Princess of Wales, she started showing us the future Queen she is.

Since September, Catherine has powered up her image. From sharply-cut pant suits in bold colours to form-fitting dresses, she looks the business. From her red Alexander McQueen wide-legged pant suit she wore to launch her Shaping Us initiative in January, to the fashion-forward Erdem skirt suit she wore to the

Commonwealth Service on 13 March, she is showing a new confidence.

‘Until now, Catherine has nurtured her feminine style, however, it’s great to see she’s mixing it up with a more authoritative and confident look,’ says Chantelle Znideric. ‘Her image is maturing and conveying a sharper look. It’s wonderful to see she’s enjoying the process of experimenting with her personal brand by ensuring her outfit choices are more intentional.’

She’s got the power – and it suits her.

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Power dressing with more fashion-forward choices proves Catherine is shaping up to be a future Queen-in-waiting





# Good Queen Bess ELIZABETH I

She fought off foreign invasions and domestic rebellions, but does the virgin queen live up to her reputation as Britain's golden monarch?



**I**n 1588, against the advice of her aides, Elizabeth I rode out on her grey gelding to address her troops gathered at Tilbury in Essex awaiting the invasion of the Spanish Armada. Looking out at the assembled faces, she made a speech that would forever define her rule: 'I know I have the body of a weak, feeble woman; but I have the heart and stomach of a king – and of a king of England, too.'

This image of Elizabeth has been the key to our popular perception for centuries, but there's much more to her than that. When she came to the throne in November 1558, the whole of Europe was nervous. How would the Protestant queen follow the reign of her Catholic half-sister, Mary? But this unstable situation was nothing new – Elizabeth's position had been precarious from the day she was born.

The daughter of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn, she was immediately deemed to be illegitimate by Catholic nations, who regarded the King's divorce of Catherine of Aragon as illegal. In their eyes, Catherine's daughter, Mary, was the only rightful heir.

Although desperate for a boy, Anne would be a doting mother to her infant child, but she was sent to the executioner's block in 1536 after failing to produce a son.

Henry's third wife, Jane Seymour, was kind to her stepdaughters, but she had her own child to attend to with the birth of her son and Henry's heir, Edward. Henry himself would not see much of Elizabeth until 1542, when he decided the time had come to reacquaint himself with his young daughter.

In 1543, he married his last wife, Catherine Parr, and relations within the royal family warmed. Mary took a caring approach to young

## ROYAL LOWDOWN

ELIZABETH TUDOR

\* Born 1533

\* Became queen in 1558 (aged 25)

\* Population in 1600: 5-6 million (England, Wales and Ireland)

\* Died 1603 (aged 69)

\* Reigned for 44 years

\* No husband, no children

Edward, while Elizabeth had a sisterly relationship with both.

However, when Edward took the throne upon their father's death, cracks started to form. When the staunchly Catholic Mary refused to convert, Edward began proceedings to remove both his sisters from the line to the throne. However, he was seldom in good health during his short life, so it was no surprise that Edward died before the contract could be finalised and Mary became the new Queen.

Over the course of Mary's reign, many conspiracy plots were designed to get Elizabeth onto the throne. None of them succeeded, but they did almost manage to get her killed. Princess Elizabeth was placed in the Tower of London, with some Catholic supporters clamouring for her execution. But, by 1558, it became clear Mary was ill. Her health deteriorated quickly, and she died on 17 November of that year after begging Elizabeth to keep England Catholic. Her wishes would not be fulfilled.

Elizabeth was crowned and in 1561, her cousin Mary, Queen of Scots – the Catholic great-granddaughter of Henry VII – returned to Scotland from France. For many Catholics, she was the true heir to the English throne, and her arrival was perfectly timed as Elizabeth was on the verge of death due to smallpox. The English queen recovered, but



Elizabeth's lack of a husband and heir was only made worse in 1566 when Mary gave birth to a son, James.

When Scottish forces rose against Mary, she was forced to abdicate, and fled to England. Elizabeth agreed to give her shelter, but Mary's arrival had given Catholics a figurehead and rebellion brewed. As the rebel forces marched south, Elizabeth kept Mary under close watch and mustered troops of her own. Elizabeth's victory was

quick and decisive, with 700 men executed afterwards in a brutal display of power.

Mary's presence was now more dangerous than ever. Elizabeth ordered her imprisonment at the urging of her spymaster Francis Walsingham, who had no intention of allowing Mary

to live much longer. He arranged for a servant, one of his own spies, to suggest that Mary smuggle letters in beer barrels, allowing Walsingham to read everything. When Anthony Babington wrote to Mary with a plan to assassinate Elizabeth and give her the crown, Mary wrote back with her approval. The spymaster's cunning trap had worked perfectly.

Elizabeth had always been reluctant to execute her cousin, but she agreed Mary would have to

stand trial. It was no surprise when the court decided that Mary should be put to death. Elizabeth grieved for Mary, or at least lamented her death.

If Elizabeth's position at home appeared shaky, it was positively stable compared to how she was viewed abroad, with the Pope decreeing

*'She walked a political tightrope'*





that anyone who murdered the heretical English queen would be forgiven.

Mary's execution provided Spain's Philip II with a reason to declare war, and his Spanish Armada coordinated with the Duke of Parma's forces in the Netherlands before sailing on England. They launched on 12 July 1588, their fleets possessing more than twice the number of English ships, but the English vessels were smaller, faster, and designed to carry guns rather than men. It was at this point that Elizabeth rode out to meet her troops.

The Spanish Armada failed and Elizabeth's victory was the seal on her status. The arts and literature flourished in the kingdom, but even after the defeat of the Spanish Armada, there were other threats to contend with, such as the 1598 Irish uprising and the expensive war that followed.

By this point, the monarch's

health was finally failing and Elizabeth grew sickly. She eventually breathed her last at Richmond Palace on 24 March 1603, aged 69.

Elizabeth's reign was not the golden age that legend so often depicts; she faced serious uprisings, internal and external, during her time. She was capable of heartlessness and ruthlessness, and could be indecisive and impetuous. During the course of her rule, England saw famine, rebellion and war. However, there's no mistaking her dedication to her country and her determination to listen to what the people wanted from her – and then give it to them.

She walked a political tightrope for most of her life, and the fact that she died peacefully in her bed as Queen was a major triumph in itself. In the hearts and minds of many of her subjects, she was – and will always be – Britain's golden monarch.

## THE QUEEN ON SCREEN



**Cate Blanchett,**  
*Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, 2007



**Dame Helen Mirren,**  
*Elizabeth I*, 2005



**Margot Robbie,**  
*Mary Queen of Scots*, 2018



**Dame Judi Dench,**  
*Shakespeare in Love*, 1998



**Bette Davis,**  
*The Virgin Queen*, 1955



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Where was Charles born?

# 1 WHAT IS KING CHARLES' FULL NAME?

- a) Charles Henry Philip George
- b) Charles Philip Arthur George
- c) Charles Louis Antony Richard

# 2 WHERE WAS CHARLES BORN?

- a) Buckingham Palace
- b) The Lindo Wing at St Mary's Hospital
- c) The Portland Hospital

# 3 HOW OLD WAS THE KING ON HIS CORONATION DAY?

- a) 76
- b) 72
- c) 74

# 4 WHAT WAS THE MAIDEN NAME OF HIS WIFE CAMILLA, THE QUEEN?

- a) Parker Bowles
- b) Cubitt
- c) Shand

# 5 WHERE DID CHARLES GO TO SCHOOL?

- a) Eton
- b) Wellington College
- c) Gordonstoun

# 6 BARROGILL IS THE KING'S BRAND OF WHAT SPIRIT?

- a) Whisky
- b) Vodka
- c) Gin



Charles arrives for his first day at school – but which?

# 7 WHAT DID CHARLES STUDY AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY?

- a) History of Art
- b) Archaeology, Anthropology and History
- c) Geography

# 8 WHAT INSTRUMENTS DOES HE PLAY?

- a) Clarinet, cello, piano
- b) Piano, trumpet, cello
- c) Violin, trumpet, piano

# 9 WHAT LANGUAGES CAN HE SPEAK?

- a) English, Welsh, French and German
- b) English, Spanish, French and Welsh
- c) English, Welsh and French

# 10 WHAT DOES THE KING LIKE TO HAVE FOR LUNCH?

- a) Smoked salmon bagel
- b) Chicken salad
- c) He doesn't eat lunch



What did Charles study at Cambridge University?

# 11 WHAT YEAR DID CHARLES SEPARATE FROM PRINCESS DIANA?

- a) 1992
- b) 1993
- c) 1995

# 12 WHERE AND WHEN DID CHARLES AND CAMILLA MAKE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE?

- a) At the Sandringham Christmas church service in 1998
- b) At the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002
- c) At Camilla's sister's birthday party in 1999

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Charles and Diana married in 1981, but in which year did they separate?





Where did Charles and Camilla marry and when is The King's birthday?



**13** WHERE DID CHARLES AND CAMILLA'S 2005 WEDDING CEREMONY TAKE PLACE?

- a) Windsor Guildhall
- b) Westminster
- c) Canongate Kirk on Edinburgh's Royal Mile

**14** DURING HIS TRIP TO TANZANIA IN 2011, WHAT TITLE WAS THE-THEN PRINCE OF WALES GIVEN BY THE MASAI?

- a) The Herder of the Sheep
- b) The Helper of the Cows
- c) The Warden of the Chickens

**15** WHEN IS THE KING'S BIRTHDAY?

- a) 16 December
- b) 20 May
- c) 14 November

**16** AFTER PASSING AN AUDITION IN 1975, WHAT SOCIETY DID THE-THEN PRINCE BECOME A MEMBER OF?

- a) The Royal Shakespeare Society
- b) The Magic Circle society of magicians
- c) The Independent Society of Musicians

**17** IN WHICH TV SOAPS HAS CHARLES MADE A CAMEO APPEARANCE?

- a) *Emmerdale* and *Coronation Street*
- b) *EastEnders* and *Emmerdale*
- c) *Coronation Street* and *EastEnders*

**18** BURFORD BROWN AND MARANS ARE TYPES OF WHAT ANIMAL KEPT BY THE KING AT HIGHGROVE, HIS GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOME?

- a) Cow
- b) Sheep
- c) Chicken

**19** THE KING IS A KEEN GARDENER, BUT WHAT IS SAID TO BE HIS FAVOURITE FLOWER?

- a) Delphinium
- b) Rose
- c) Hyacinth



Charles made an appearance in which TV soaps?

**20** WHAT PRANK CHRISTMAS GIFT DID CHARLES' FORMER BUTLER GRANT HARROLD SAY THE KING ONCE GAVE HIM?

- a) A singing dog toy
- b) A tin of salmon
- c) A framed photo of himself

**21** HOW MANY GRANDCHILDREN DOES THE KING HAVE?

- a) Six
- b) Five
- c) Four





Charles is a keen gardener, but can you name his favourite flower?



What title was awarded to Charles by the Masai?



How many grandchildren does The King have?



How does he like his tea?



Where might you find King Charles holidaying?

**29** WHAT IS SAID TO BE THE KING'S FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

- a) Corfu, Greece
- b) Cinque Terre, Italy
- c) Cape Town, South Africa

**22** IN 1980, THE THEN PRINCE RELEASED HIS OWN CHILDREN'S BOOK BASED ON STORIES HE TOLD HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS. WHAT WAS IT CALLED?

- a) *The Prince and the Parrot*
- b) *The Old Man of Lochnagar*
- c) *The Lady of Glencoe*

**25** KING CHARLES' GODCHILDREN INCLUDE HIS STEPSON TOM PARKER BOWLES AND CROWN PRINCE PAVLOS OF GREECE, BUT HOW MANY IS HE THOUGHT TO HAVE IN TOTAL?

- a) More than 40
- b) 30 to 40
- c) Fewer than 20

**28** WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AMONG THE KING'S FAVOURITE SONGS?

- a) *Don't Rain on my Parade* – Barbra Streisand
- b) *God Save the Queen* – Sex Pistols
- c) *Here Comes the Sun* – The Beatles

**30** AND FINALLY, HOW MANY BRITISH MONARCHS HAVE THERE NOW BEEN SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE 'UNITED KINGDOM'?

- a) 10
- b) 15
- c) 13

**23** WHILE AT SCHOOL IN 1965, CHARLES PLAYED THE LEAD PART IN WHAT SHAKESPEARE PLAY?

- a) *Macbeth*
- b) *Othello*
- c) *Twelfth Night*

**24** HOW OLD WAS CHARLES WHEN HE MARRIED DIANA IN 1981?

- a) 29
- b) 34
- c) 32

**26** HOW DOES KING CHARLES LIKE HIS TEA?

- a) English breakfast tea with milk and two sugars
- b) Fresh mint tea
- c) Darjeeling with honey and milk

**27** WHAT IS THE KING'S FAVOURITE MEAL, ACCORDING TO INSIDERS?

- a) Roast pheasant shot at Sandringham
- b) Wild mushroom risotto with organic lamb
- c) Christmas dinner

**ANSWERS**  
**1b** Charles Philip Arthur George **2a** Buckingham Palace  
**3c** 74 **4c** Shand **5c** Gordonstoun **6a** Whisky **7b** Archaeology, Anthropology and History **8b** Piano, trumpet, cello **9a** English, Welsh, French and German **10c** He doesn't eat lunch **11a** 1992 **12c** Camilla's sister's birthday party in 1999 **13a** Windsor Guildhall **14b** The Helper of the Cows **15c** 14 November **16b** The Magic Circle society of magicians **17c** Coronation Street and EastEnders **18c** Chicken **19a** Delphinium **20b** A tin of salmon **21b** Five **22b** *The Old Man of Lochnagar* **23a** Macbeth **24c** 32 **25b** 30 to 40 **26c** Darjeeling with honey and milk **27b** Wild mushroom risotto with organic lamb **28a** *Don't Rain on my Parade* – Barbra Streisand **29a** Corfu **30c** 13.



# From our ROYAL Insider



For royal biographer Emily Andrews, it's all about the Firm's girl power



## *Charlotte the great!*

She is fast becoming my favourite royal – impeccably behaved and turned out at the coronation, she kept her brothers Prince Louis, five, and Prince George, nine, firmly in her sights. Yes, George may have had the 'bigger' role as page boy to his grandfather King Charles, but Charlotte clearly has a big personality and is the 'boss' of the three Wales children.

Her mother Catherine, the Princess of Wales, took a charming and very natural photo of her to celebrate her 8th birthday – as well as releasing a gorgeous picture of Lottie (as her mother calls her) with their spaniel Orla. How time flies! I remember being at the Lindo Wing waiting for her to be born!

William and Kate were delighted to have a daughter, but Charlotte has a far more



important constitutional position. She was the first royal princess to keep her place in the line of succession (she is currently third in line to the throne) despite a brother being born after her.

When Kate was first pregnant in 2012 (I understand Kate and William deliberately didn't find out George's gender before he was born), Queen Elizabeth helped introduce the Perth agreement, which replaced male-preference primogeniture. Historically, males had always taken preference over females in the royal succession, even if they were born younger (Princess Anne dropped below her younger brothers Andrew and Edward after they were born).

King Charles has also reportedly reserved one of the most prestigious titles for Charlotte when she is older. It's thought he wants to grant her the title of Duchess of Edinburgh (a title previously held by Queen Elizabeth through husband Philip and now held by Sophie, wife of Prince Edward). When Charles bestowed the title of Duke of Edinburgh on Edward earlier this year, Buckingham Palace made it clear it was just for his lifetime (ie the title reverts to the Crown, not son James, on Edward's death). She will also eventually take the title of Princess Royal – the highest-ranking female royal by blood – currently held by Princess Anne.

So it's clear that while Charlotte still enjoys an idyllic childhood in Windsor, excels at Lambrook school and loves ballet and swimming, the King views her as an integral part of the Firm as she grows up. As we've seen with Prince Harry, being the 'spare to the heir' is not easy. But with thought and planning about her future role now, hopefully she'll be more Anne than Harry.



## STRONG AND STABLE

Princess Anne has given a rare interview, to Canadian channel CBS News, perhaps to shore up support for her brother when many Canadians have mixed feelings about keeping King Charles as their head of state. She said monarchy has 'long-term benefits' although a new reign was 'a moment where you need to have that discussion'. But she added, 'I would just underline that the monarchy provides, with the constitution, a degree of long-term stability that is actually quite hard to come by in any other way.' You wouldn't expect anything less from steely Anne!



## TAKING TIME FOR ONE ANOTHER

King Charles may be conducting a hectic work schedule, with numerous red boxes, engagements and charity work (he still heads up 13 Prince's charities including The Prince's Trust and British Asian Trust) but there is one thing he makes time for every

day. In an interview with *Vogue*, Queen Camilla revealed that although 'it's not easy sometimes... Sometimes it's like ships passing in the night', she and Charles always make time every day to 'sit down together, have a cup of tea and discuss the day'.





# Edward and Sophie's WEDDING



Remembering the nuptials of  
the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh

**I**t was meant to be an antidote to the grand royal weddings of previous years. Not for Edward an elaborate affair like Andrew and Fergie's in 1986, or indeed the huge bash for Charles and Diana in 1981.

For their 1999 nuptials at St George's Chapel, Windsor, the Prince and his bride, PR executive Sophie Rhys-Jones, asked guests to wear evening dress and no hats to reflect the more informal nature of the ceremony. There was no ceremonial state or military involvement either. But on the day, the Queen and the 99-year-old Queen Mum were resplendent in headwear and the televised event still attracted 200 million viewers.

The bride's dress was designed by Samantha Keswick and decorated with 325,000 crystals and pearls. On her head, Sophie wore the Anthemion tiara from the Queen's private jewellery collection. Hours before the ceremony, it was announced the newlyweds would be known as the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

Just before the wedding, however, Sophie was hit by scandal when newspapers got their hands on an embarrassing photo – a snap of her with presenter Chris Tarrant pulling up her bikini top, which was taken 11 years earlier during their Capital Radio days. Former radio DJ Kara Noble, who infamously sold the photograph for £100,000, was subsequently fired.

In 2001, scandal again struck Sophie when she was duped by an undercover *News of the World* reporter into making digs about the Royal Family and the then government, including calling the Queen 'the old dear'. Sophie was mortified and the following year, ceased operating her PR business.

How things have changed. Now parents to Louise, 19, and James, 15, the couple have recently risen the ranks of the Royal Family, carrying out an increasing number of duties and filling the gap left by Harry and Meghan. And on 19 June, they will celebrate 24 years of marriage.



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